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CONGRESS CONVENES.

Territorial Bill, Trusts, Tariff and Cuban Reciprocity will Take Time of Senate.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TUESDAY

Deluge of Bills Dealing With the Trust Question Poured Into the House on Opening of Final Session of the Fifty-Fifth Congress.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The admission of the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states of the Union was the subject of general importance to receive the attention of the senate in the session which began at noon today.

After the omnibus territorial bill passed the house last session its friends in the senate were so insistent on action by the senate and so strong in point of numbers that in the interest of other pending legislation a unanimous agreement was reached that in consideration of abatement by the friends of the measure during the last session the committee on territories would report on the bill on next Wednesday, Dec. 3, and that a week later the bill should become the unfinished business of the senate, which means that unless the measure shall be displaced by vote or by unanimous consent it will occupy the first place on the senate calendar until disposed of.

Change in Tariff Improbable.

Other questions which, in addition to the appropriation bills, are expected to receive attention of the senate at this session are the trusts, the tariff and Cuban reciprocity. Very few Republican senators admit the probability of any change of the tariff law during the present session, but some bills to modify present schedules may be introduced and speeches made thereon. Some senators speak of the creation of a tariff commission as a possibility, but there are differences of opinion as to the utility of such a body. There is quite a unanimity of opinion favorable to anti-trust legislation, and this opinion goes to the extent of predicting results along the lines indicated by Attorney General Knox for the amendment of the Sherman anti-trust law. The present week will barely witness the beginning of the three months' work. Today the usual committee of two senators was appointed to call on the president and resolutions of regret for the death of Senator McMillan of Michigan, brought the day's session to a close a few minutes after assemblage. Tomorrow the president's message will be read, and beyond this no business will be attempted. The sessions of Wednesday and Thursday also will be brief, with an adjournment from Thursday until the following Monday.

There will be an effort to confirm some of the numerous nominations expected to be sent in at the first opportunity.

A large number of bills will be introduced on Wednesday and Thursday and the foundation will be laid for what all predict will be a very crowded session.

Flood of Bills.

When the house convened today to enter on the final session of the fifty-fifth congress a perfect deluge of bills dealing with the trust question in all its phases were thrown into the legislative hopper. It is admitted on all hands that this will be the most important topic of discussion. Indeed, the leaders incline to the belief that beyond the appropriation bills and routine legislation it will be the only general subject on which there is a chance of action at the short session. The president's recommendations on the subject are waited with interest. The most conservative opinion among the Republican leaders seems to favor an application for the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, is one of those who believe that the Sherman law, if enforced, is sufficient to meet the situation, and today he introduced a bill appropriating $500,000 to be used by the department of justice in prosecutions under the present law. Meantime the trust bills will be referred to the judiciary committee.

To Expedite Appropriations.

The leaders already have resolved to expedite the appropriation bills as much as possible, in order to allow the largest margin of time for other matters. The appropriation committees will go to work at once and prepare the supply bills as rapidly as possible. The legislative and pension bills probably will be read before the end of the week. One of the first things the appropriation committee will be called on to do, however, is to prepare a bill to provide for the coal strike commission. The appropriations committee met today to adopt a bill which it is believed will be presented and passed this week. No opposition to it from the minority is anticipated. The session of the house today was brief. There was roll call and the announcement of the deaths that have occurred during the recent recess. The house adjourned until tomorrow, when the president's message will be read. There is no program for the remainder of the week beyond the bill to defray the expenses of the coal strike commission. If the regular order is demanded the London dock charge bill is the unfinished business.

NEW CARS SHIPPED.

For Use on Pittsburg, McKeesport & Connellsville Railway.

A number of the handsome new cars that were ordered early last summer by the Pittsburg, McKeesport & Connellsville Railway Company have been shipped from St. Louis by the St. Louis Car Company, by which concern they were built. They should have been received here by the street railway company two months ago but owing to the extraordinary amount of business the car company was unable to fill the order until the present time.

There will be two new features in connection with the construction of the cars. The platforms will be five feet long, something that will make them look extraordinarily large as compared with platforms on cars now in use, which are only about three and one-half feet long. The seats, instead of being lengthwise, will be arranged across the car with an aisle down the center, a distinctly new feature with closed cars in this section of the country. The cars will accommodate about 40 persons and will be of the finest build, the interior being finished in mahogony. Each car will be propelled by two motors, each of which will have a capacity of 55 horsepower, and will be equipped with magnetic track brakes, the best street railway brake that has ever been made.

ATHLETIC MOVEMENT.

Reading Room and Gymnasium for Young Men of Town.

The Connellsville Gymnasium and Reading parlors is the name of a new institution which is being organized in town and which already has a membership of thirty. The club is being organized by G. G. Cox and Ernest Atkinson. Rooms in the Second National Bank property at Pittsburg and Main streets will be fitted up for a first class gymnasium and reading room. No drinking and no profane language will be allowed.

The promoters announce a small start, but expect to have more commodious quarters in the near future. The dues are nominal. An organization will be effected this week and work on fitting up the rooms will begin in a short time.

STILL INCREASING.

November Postoffice Receipts Show Gain Over Last Year.

Postmaster Clark Collins has completed the report of the receipts of the Connellsville postoffice for the month of November. It is as follows: Stamps and stamped paper, $1,708.17; newspaper postage, $20.33; box rents, $4.65; total, $1,733.15. The receipts for November 1901 were $1,518.92, making an increase of $214.32 in a year.

W. J. Gobright was recommended by Postmaster Collins as temporary substitute and is now handling the route of I. D. Kammerer, who suffered a slight stoke of paralysis last week and who is as yet unable to leave his home, although he is improving.

Prof. S. A. White Ill.

A telegram from Fred Hodges of Escanaba, Mich., to S. H. Marshall, of the Hotel Wyman, says: "Notify relatives of dangerous illness of Prof. S. A. White." Musical circles here will remember Prof. White, who sojourned in Connellsville for several months. Mr. Marshall answered the telegram stating that Prof. White's friends were in New York and Philadelphia and that their names and addresses are unknown here.

Ended in Murder.

Serafino Rocanni, an Italian of Webster, Pa., is dead as the result of a general fight at his boarding house there on Thanksgiving Day. He was shot.

DECEMBER TERM OPEN

First Session of Criminal Court Held at Uniontown This Morning.

THE TRIAL LIST IS LARGE.

Charge to the Grand Jury was one of Unusual Interest—Constables Hauled Over the Coals for Lax Interpretation of Their Duties.

Uniontown, Dec. 1.—The December Term of criminal court opened at Uniontown this morning. Despite the rather cold weather there was a large crowd in attendance. Two hundred cases are on the docket for trial and this number will likely be increased by 50 more before the close of the week owing to the habit many country Justices of the Peace have of putting off their returns until the last minute. Many of the cases, however, will not be tried as usual, the defendants either pleading guilty or arranging to have their suits settled. The feature of the opening session was the charge by President Judge E. H. Reppert to the Grand Jury. The charge was one of more than usual importance. It dealt with a number of matters that have lately been before the public of Fayette county and in no uncertain terms. The Constables came in for a goodly share of advice and some reforms that will be insisted upon in the future by the court in their returns and the duties of their office. The recent action of the Brewers' Union at Uniontown commanded notice by the court and the breweries of the county and the methods in which they are conducting their business also were topics on which the Court dealt in his charge to the Jury.

Judge Reppert devoted some time to a discussion of the repairs nearing completion and improvements in and about the court house, which are rapidly nearing completion and will add greatly to the appearance and comfort of the handsome building.

The Brewers' Union came in for the hottest scoring which it has received since its injudicious expulsion of Private Brown of Company C because he was a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. The Court referred to this action as unpatriotic and discreditable to any organization that advocated good government. In the strongest terms he denounced a union that, by its unjust and unwarranted action, dismissed from membership a man whose action in enlisting in the Guard gave him a place among the best citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He spoke of the triumphal return of C Company from the Philippine campaign; of the brilliant reception that was tendered the heroes of the Spanish-American war by the patriotic citizens of Uniontown who knew how to appreciate their valiant service for their country, and then contrasted this with the small action of smaller-minded men in expelling from a union a man who had served his State in the preservation of law and order. The Court closed with saying that the National Guard had the respect of all intelligent citizens and that those who harbored any feeling other than esteem for the militia were enemies to law and order and good government.

Recently there were some prosecutions against Uniontown hotels for selling liquor to minors. The cases were compromised, but the facts surrounding them came to the ears of the court, and the officers who had effected the compromise were given a severe scoring for their action. The Judge denounced men who would receive money to shield a violator of the law, and showed how the hotel men, in offering money for the settlement of these cases, would throw a temptation in the way of dishonest officers of the law for unlimited blackmail operations. Individual cases were cited and the matter was given a thorough sifting by the court. The close of the charge was also of the regulation order; the instructions concise and brief.

Masontown's Second Bank.

Masontown is prosperous. Twenty-four business men of the southern end of the county are organizing a second National bank for that bustling town.

Want Three Wards.

A petition will be presented at this term of court to make thre wards in the borough of Bridgeport.

MINE STRIKE COMMISSION.

Arbitrators will Begin Their Conferences Again Tomorrow.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 1.—A conference of the mine strike commissioners will be held here tomorrow night, prior to the resumption of hearings Wednesday morning. Commissioners Clark, Watkins and Parker are here, but doing absolutely nothing besides waiting for the return of the other commissioners. At tomorrow night's conference it is expected the commission will prepare a statement setting forth the purposes and results, or, rather, lack of results, of the 10-day recess and define specifically the position of the commission regarding the recess.

Expert accountants of both sides are going over the company's books with a view of eliminating as far as possible the contentions regarding the mathematics of the controversy, particularly as to wage figures. This was the ostensibly primal purpose of the recess. The negotiations for amicable adjustment of all the matters in dispute set back the undertaking of this work five days. As a consequence the commission will have to busy itself for a week or so at some other feature of the case while awaiting a report from the belated accountants.

IN POLICE COURT.

Saturday and Sunday Cases Before Burgess J. B. Kurtz.

Mary Gill, an aged colored woman from Hopwood, Pa., stopped in town saturday evening on her way to Stewarton, where she had been engaged to nurse Colonel Andrew Stewart, who is suffering from paralysis. During her stay in town she imbibed too freely and started trouble at the Baltimore & Ohio depot. She was ejected from the station by Lieutenant James Breen. She returned in a short time with a bar of iron wrapped up in a newspaper, and struck Breen a terrific blow over the neck before he could disarm her. She spent the night in the police station and was released in the morning.

Samuel Fuch and C. H. Bigel started a fight in a Water street restaurant Sunday evening. Fuch got the worst end of the encounter and started to the police station for help. Bigel followed him, thinking he had a gun, and the two were fighting in the corridor of the City Hall when Officer Coyne rived and placed them farther in the building in separate apartments. This morning they were fined $5 and costs.

WEALTHY HERMIT DEAD.

Provides for a Monument that Will Cost $20,000.

Brownsville, Dec. 1.—Shannon McCutcheon died on Saturday evening aged 80 years at his home near Centerville, Washington county. McCutcheon was wealthy but for years had lived the life of a hermit. He was a bachelor and was noted throughout Washington county and in this vicinity for his peculiarities.

Several years ago it was rumored that he contracted for a costly monument to be erected over his grave at death. This rumor was never confirmed until this morning when a paper that had been entrusted to T. B. Wright & Sons of this place was opened. The paper provides for the erection of a monument that is to cost $20,000 over McCutcheon's grave. It will be carried out to the letter.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

M. P. Church will Begin on Wednesday December 3rd.

The Methodist Protestant Church will begin a series of revival meetings Wednesday evening, December 3rd, from which much is expected. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Gladden, will do the preaching for the present, but will be assisted by J. W. Peterson, the lyric tenor, a singing evangelist, who comes directly here from Indiana, where he has been in revival meetings for some time.

Mr. Peterson is one of the finest singers engaged in evangelistic work at the present time, and is known to be a man of singular power in sacred song. Over $100 was contributed yesterday by the congregation for singing books and other incidental expenses of the proposed meetings to which the public is cordially invited.

Married in Pittsburg.

Patrick J. Callahan and Isabella F. Trodden, both of Fayette county, Peter Miller, also of this county, and Eva Griffiths of Allegheny county, were among the couples granted marriage licenses in Pittsburg Thursday.

New Postmaster at Outcrop.

Representative Acheson has recommended the appointment of Walter H. Ramsey for postmaster at Outcrop.

FATAL RABBIT HUNT.

Small Boy Killed by a Companion Near Uniontown on Saturday.

SIMILAR MISHAP AT SCOTTDALE

Indian Creek Man Falls Down Stairs and Dies from His Injuries at the Hospital Sunday—Jesse Smith is Scalded in His Own Bath Tub.

Harry Thering, aged 14 years, was killed while hunting rabbits near Uniontown on Saturday evening. He, with several boy companions, was out hunting. They scared up a rabbit and ran it into a burrow. Young Thering was down on his knees examining the hole when a gun in the hands of one of the other boys was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through his chest coming out above his shoulder. Thering died several hours later. None of the boys can tell just how the rifle came to be discharged. The boy in whose hands the gun was, a negro, has disappeared.

Elmer Dillinger, aged 14 years, a son of Joseph Dillinger, a farmer living near Scottdale, was accidentally shot Saturday morning. His older brother was carrying an old fashioned muzzle loading shot gun when he bumped into a fence or shrub and the gun went off. The load struck the younger boy in the leg, inflicting a wound that may make amputation necessary.

John Davin, employed as a laborer by F. H. Clemens & Co at their work on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Indian creek, fell down a steep flight of stairs Sunday afternoon and fractured his skull. He was hurried to the Cottage State Hospital, where he died at midnight, last night. Davin was an Irishman and lived at Larksville, Luzerne county, Pa. J. E. Sims has charge of the body and the friends have been notified.

Jesse Smith came to the hospital from Oliphant. He was preparing to take a bath and had a tub of scalding water. Before he cooled the water he accidentally fell into the tub, badly scalding his feet. He will be at the hospital for some time. Andrew Arawl, a Slav employe of the American Sheet Steel Company at their Scottdale plant, was brought to the hospital with a broken leg. He was injured by the fall of some heavy machinery while working in the mills.

John Rushnock of Continental No. 1 fell from a second story window of his home Sunday afternoon while intoxicated and was instantly killed. He was 23 years old and married. The interment was today at Dunbar.

POSTAL THIEF ARRESTED.

Robbed Bear Run Postoffice on Saturday, November 22nd.

Ohiopyle, Dec. 1.—Andrew Kapshui, a Slav who has been employed by F. H. Clemens & Co., on the Baltimore & Ohio construction work at Bear Run, was arrested Sunday morning by Constable James L. Cunningham for the robbery of Fred Stickle's store and the postoffice at Bear Run on Saturday, November 22nd. Kapshui was suspected of the robbery owing to his disappearance. He had some money coming to him and on Saturday went to Confluence to collect it. The officer, who had been on the lookout for him, was informed and placed the Slav under arrest. This morning he was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace George D. Livingstone here and held for court. When Kapshui committed the theft he was drunk and spilled over $80 in small change out of a cigar box going up over the mountain. In all he secured about $100 at Stickle's store. The robbery was committed in daylight while the proprietor was busy about the store with a customer.

Edward Glotfelty, aged 22 years, died at 1 o'clock this morning of typhoid fever. He had been ill two weeks. Interment will be in the Baptist Cemetery here Tuesday afternoon.

Theatre on Fire.

The employes of the Columbia confectionery store and the Connellsville Theatre made up a miniature fire department that stopped the spread of flames in the Opera House building Sunday evening. A negro employe turned up the gas in a room up stairs and the flame caught a curtain. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

ORINOCO BLOCKADE.

British Want to Know Intentions of United States Regarding Manzanares.

VENEZUELA IS APPREHENSIVE.

Will Renew Diplomatic Relations With France, Which Have Been Ruptured Since 1894—President Castro Opening Prisons and Releasing Prisoners.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 1.—The United States is confronted with the question of declaring its attitude regarding the blockade of the Orinoco river, which has been declared by the Venezuelan government. The British authorities say they have asked United States Consul Smith what the intentions of the Washington government are regarding the steamer Manzanares, belonging to the Orinoco Steamship company, which is now here. Some days ago the British authorities announced their willingness to convey the Manzanares up the Orinoco, but withdrew their offer on the arrival of the United States gunboat Nashville, on the ground that the United States now has a warship in port and should convoy its own merchantmen. Consul Smith is conferring with Admiral Crowninshield and Admiral Sumner, it is believed, with regard to the Manzanares. The Nashville is suited to the purpose of convoying the Manzanares, but no action is possible until instructions have been received from Washington.

Embarrassing American Commerce.

The United States is the only nation which has not taken a decided stand regarding the blockade, and it is claimed that this situation is embarrassing American commerce, especially the Manzanares, which has been here since last June, her cargo spoiling and the delay involving a great loss to the company.

Since the proclamation of the blockade 1,375 ships of all nations, except the United States, and principally Venezuelan vessels have entered and left the Orinoco, and it is insisted that this fact constitutes the best evidence possible that the blockade is ineffective. Venezuelan gunboats have left the Orinoco unguarded for periods of two weeks at a time and the guns of the Fort Los Castillos, which were the only means of maintaining the blockade of Ciudad Bolivar after the withdrawal of the gunboats, have been removed.

Sends Minister to France.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 1.—The Venezuelan General Antonio Velutini has been appointed minister plenipotentiary to France. He will renew the diplomatic relations between the countries, which have been ruptured since 1894. The precipitate nomination of General Velutini is due to the fears entertained by the Venezuelan government of complications with Germany. The newly appointed minister is of French descent.

The news that Germany will send three warships to reinforce the German squadron in Venezuelan waters, which already numbers three vessels, has produced a feeling of apprehension in this city, and especially in official circles.

President Castro has opened all the prisons in this city and at Puerto Cabello and Maracaibo and liberated the political offenders confined therein. Among the released prisoners are Olavarria, the brother-in-law of General Matos; Acedo, the latter's confidential agent, and the leading traders in Caracas named Traviesa, Volcan and Nunez, who were arrested for complicity in the revolution. This act has produced a good impression, and it is reported that General J. M. Hernandez, called "El Mocho," and three others of the revolutionary leaders will also be liberated shortly.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—An American chamber of commerce will be organized in this city, Dec. 4, by American business men here.

London, Dec. 1.—Andrew Carnegie, who has been lying ill here for the past fortnight, was able to get up yesterday for the first time.

Rome, Dec. 1.—The pope yesterday gave an audience to the Grand Duke Sergius, who announced to his holiness the czar's intention to visit Rome.

Vienna, Dec. 1.—The heirs, some of whom are living in the United States, are wanted to an estate valued at about $100,000, left by Heinrich Oesterreicher, a miser who recently died here.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 1.—Owing to the cattle embargo on New England ports the agents of the Leyland line, of Boston, are making arrangements for the housing and shipment of cattle and sheep from here. There is accommodation for 3,000 cattle and 500 sheep

A FATAL HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Train Ran Into Open Switch and One Man Was Killed and Three Injured.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 1.—A Chicago and Baltimore express train on the Baltimore and Ohio railway, eastbound, ran into an open switch at Carbon, Pa., seven miles east of here, early yesterday morning, and collided head-on with a freight train. One man was killed and three others injured, one seriously.

The dead: Howard Bradley, Pittsburg, engineer passenger train.

The injured: Walter Miller, Pittsburg, express messenger, back injured; H. E. Townsend, Pittsburg, passenger train, ribs broken and head hurt, may die; Frank Miller, Chicago, fireman freight train, painfully scalded.

Both engines were wrecked and the express car telescoped. The passengers were considerably shaken up, but none was injured. The collision, it is alleged, was due to the failure of the freight brakeman to throw the switch on the main track after taking the siding.

PHILIPPINE NEWS.

Manila, Dec. 1.—General Miles inspected Subig bay Saturday. He will possibly abandon his projected coast trip to Vigan, Luzon, and proceed direct to Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Manila, Dec. 1.—Captain Pershing, with 60 men, has completed a march across the island of Mindanao, from Camp Vicars to Vigan. This is possibly the first time that white men have made the journey. Captain Pershing visited the villages of Madaya and Marahui.

Manila, Dec. 1.—The efforts to restore agriculture in the Philippine islands have been blocked by a dearth of field animals. Ninety per cent of the carabaos died in the original epidemic of rinderpest, and of the small number imported since many have died.

Manila, Dec. 1.—Several columns of constabulary in the Zambales province had been chasing the ladrones with the assistance of friendly natives. Five of the friendlies straggled from the column and were captured by ladrones, who amputated the tongue and gouged out the eyes of one friendly and then sent him back to the constabulary. The fate of the other four is unknown.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

Warren, O., Dec. 1.—Jacob Perkins, son of the late Hon. H. B. Perkins, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 12.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 1.—Nelson Augustave, the veteran landscape painter, died at his home in Kensington yesterday from apoplexy. He was born in Kensington in 1824.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Charles McGlade, the hotel man, who was proprietor of the famous Mansion house, of Atlantic City, N. J., for upwards of a quarter of a century, died here last night.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 1.—John Eliot Ward, president of the convention of 1856, which nominated James Buchanan for the presidency of the United States, died yesterday in his 86th year, at Dorchester, Ga., his birthplace.

Will Call in Executive Board.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 1.—The 2,500 employes of the Kindig Coal company have agreed to submit their grievances with the company to the executive board of the United Mine Workers. The company is opposed to the check weighmen employed by the miners and on the last pay day refused to deduct from the wages of the employes the amount necessary to pay monthly salaries of the weighmen. This brought about a crisis, and at meetings of the employes held yesterday it was decided to lay the matter before the executive board of the miners' union.

Barges Struck Reef.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 1.—A special to the Free Press from Put-in-Bay, O., says: The steam barge D. F. Rose, owned by L. B. Parker, of Marine City, Mich., and the barge Mosher, owned by Captain David Hutchinson, of Port Huron, struck Starve Island reef in Saturday night's gale, and it is feared that both vessels will be a total loss. The Rose was beached on the south shore of Put-in-Bay and the Mosher lies on the reef with her back broken. The Mosher is not insured. The barges Wawanash and Lyman Casey, which were with the Mosher in the Rose's tow, were able to leave for Port Huron yesterday, though leaking badly. An attempt will be made to release the Rose and Mosher.

Second Degree Verdict.

Athens, O., Dec. 1.—Frank Smith, aged 25, who shot and killed Perry Oxley and Charles Brown at Gloucester, on Aug. 20 last, was found guilty of murder in the second degree yesterday afternoon by the jury, which took the case Saturday.

Hamburg, Dec. 1.—The German painter, Christian Allers, who, it is alleged, was responsible for the charges brought against the late Herr Krupp, has been arrested at the Swiss frontier.

A HORSE SHOW STUDY

Vereschagin's Word Picture of New York's Equine Display.

WHOLE EXHIBIT VERY BEAUTIFUL

Russia's Great Painter Glad That He Saw It—He Deems the Judges Good and American Women Charming to Wear Their Most Becoming Gowns—Some Points on Russian Steeds.

Vasalli Vereschagin, Russia's great painter, has written for the New York American the following description of the national horse show held in New York. He says:

It was beautiful. The horses were play horses, horses for show. In this respect they were excellent.

The women in the boxes and on the walls around the circus were charming. I am sure that they did not wear more diamonds at the coronation. They do well to ornament themselves for the horse show as well as for the consecration of a sovereign.

Horses are worthy of worship. In my country they are free. They do not wear shields on their eyes. My people think that the eyes of horses are magnificent and that it is not well to hide them. In the stalls of the horse show why are the animals covered with blankets? The stalls are warm enough, it seemed to me. The stable boys—they are not in blankets—told me that the covering was to guard against drafts. I think that Russian horses are not afraid of drafts. I saw in the stalls that the horses' ankles, too, were wrapped with woolen stuff. I asked the stable boys why this was done. They said, "To keep them in form."

It is the Chinese fashion of compressing the feet, which it is well to criticise as cruel. I did not like, either, the way of riding of one of the judges. He was very diligent; he was very patient. It was good of him to ride the horses to be sure of their action. But his feet stuck out at an angle with the horse. He ought to see our Cossacks ride.

The show was beautiful. I do not wish to appear rot to have admired it. But could those horses gallop for fifty miles without water to drink or a moment to take breath? Our Turcomans who have always stolen the wives and daughters of the Persians, need horses that gallop for fifty miles at a stretch. They could not use the horses that I have seen at the show. We have splendid horses in Russia.

In our steppes a man owns 5,000 to 8,000 of them. They are free; they are not in stalls. They do not use blankets or gaiters. They are free. The master will not sell one to you, not one. He might give one to you, but to sell would be a shame. General Strukoff, the head of the Russian cavalry, and I often quarrel about horses. He wants them to be big. I want them to be small. It is folly, I think, to imagine that a big soldier is abler than a small one.

The Turcoman's horse is big, but not good looking. He looks like an ass when he is at rest. But when he gallops he is an arrow shot from a bow. The Kirghiz horse is small and runs not so fast. The Polish horses are half Arabic. They cannot stand against a rough winter. The Kasach horse, the Kurd horse that is accustomed to carry robbers, are swift as greyhounds. You ought to see them cut the air.

The state stables, with their Orloff trotters, are excellent, of course. I do not have to praise them. But I want to tell you what happened in Moscow last year. We had races there, as usual. You do not know a race in the world as proud of its horses as the Muscovite. Well, last year the Muscovite horses in a race were beaten by—what do you think? By an American horse.

Oh, it was a great shame, and the ladies blushed, and the men were pale. I see now that they were right to be ashamed, that they could not be ashamed enough. But the horse show was very beautiful. I am glad that I saw it. The judges decided as I thought they ought to decide in every case. They are good judges. And American women are charming to wear their most becoming gowns and to be so beautiful at the horse show.

De Wet's Book.

London, Dec. 1.—"Had not so many of our burghers proved false to their own colors, England, as the great Bismarck foretold, would have found her grave in South Africa." This is the keynote of the Boer General De Wet's book, entitled "Three Years' War," published by Archibald Constable & Co., in London, and dedicated by the Boer general "to my fellow subjects of the British empire."

Hunting Fatalities.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 1.—The season for hunting deer in the northern woods closed yesterday. Fatalities have been unusually frequent in the woods this season, 14 men having been killed while hunting deer in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. At least 11 others have been shot and seriously wounded.

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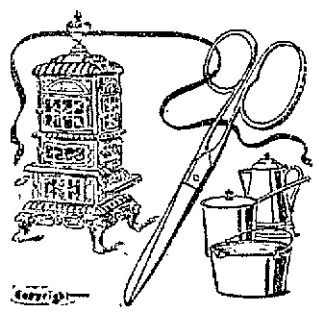

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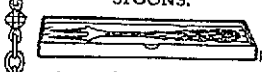

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CURRENCY FIGURES.

Comptroller Ridgely's Report Shows that Deposits Reach New High Point.

TROOPS SHOULD HAVE CANTEEN.

Its Absence Is Proving Bad for Army, Says Secretary of War—Recommends Passage of the Militia Bill Now Before Congress.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The annual report of William B. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, has been prepared for transmission to congress. The report starts with a table giving a detailed statement of the resources and liabilities of all the national banks of the United States, as shown by the five reports of condition made in response to the call of the comptroller.

From the table it appears that on Sept. 15, 1902, the date of the last call, 4,601 associations reported, with aggregate resources of $6,113,928,50. The loans and discounts amounted to $3,208,127,480.69, or more than 50 per cent of the total resources of the banks. The items of surplus and undivided profits amounted, respectively, to $326,393,953.66 and $169,216,512.03. The individual deposits reached the highest point in the existence of the national banking system, $3,209,273,893.93. There was due, to approved reserve agents, other national banks, state banks and bankers, trust companies and savings banks, the sum of $1,200,341,233.39.

A Year's Growth.

From Sept. 30, 1901, to Sept. 15, 1902, there was an increase of $418,581,617.54 in the aggregate resources of the reporting banks, the principal items of interest being, loans and discounts, $261,511,562.29; United States bonds, $12,670,520; due from national and other banks, $35,217,372.29. There was an increase in capital stock of $50,193,537; in surplus and other profits of $65,048,357.81; and in individual deposits of $271,520,660.60.

During the year ended Oct. 31, 1902, 470 banks were chartered, with an aggregate capital of $31,300,000, of which number 302, with capital of $7,905,000, were of the smaller class, and 168, with capital of $23,225,000, had individual capital of $50,000 and over. There was an average of one and one-half banks organized on every secular day of the year.

The banking power of the world in 1890, that is, capital, surplus profits, note issues and deposits, as stated by the late M. G. Mulhall, was £3,197,000,000, as follows:

United Kingdom, £910,000,000; continental Europe, £1,037,000,000; Australia, Canada, Cape Colony, Argentina and Uruguay, £220,000,000, and United States, £1,030,000,000. In 1891 Maurice L. Muhleman calculated the banking power of the world at £3,915,000,000.

Mr. Ridgely discusses the needs of currency legislation at great length and gives a brief statement of the action taken and trend of discussion at meetings of bankers' associations.

Secretary Root's Report.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The report of Secretary of War Root, to be sent to congress, makes many recommendations somewhat in line with those of his last report. Perhaps the most interesting point is on the subject of canteens, in which the secretary says:

"I am convinced that the general effect of prohibiting the use of beer and light wines within the limited area of the of the army post is to lead the enlisted men to go out of the post, to frequent vile resorts which cluster in the neighborhood, to drink bad whisky to excess, and to associate intimately with abandoned men and more abandoned women; and that the operation of the law is to increase drunkenness, disease of the most loathsome kind, insubordination and desertion, and moral and physical degeneration."

On the disposition of the army in peace, he recommends large camps adjacent to, but beyond the limits of large cities, rather than many small camps, thus giving opportunity for increasing the efficiency of the army.

Militia System.

On the question of state militia, the secretary urges the passage of the bill now before congress, and says in part:

"It is really absurd that a nation which maintains but a small regular army and depends upon unprofessional citizen soldiery for its defense should run along as we have done for 110 years under a militia law which never worked satisfactorily in the beginning, and which was perfectly obsolete before any man now fit for military duty was born."

The secretary recommends the creation of a general staff for the army, with the commanding general as chief. This staff, however, would not be modeled after those of European armies.

The secretary estimates the needs of his department for the year ending June 30, 1904, as follows: Civil establishment, $2,020,896; military establishment, support of the army and of the military academy, $77,986,515.29; public works, including fortifications and river and harbor improvements, $40,175,613.03; miscellaneous, $5,806,411.10; total, $125,989,135.42. The total estimate for the year ending June 30, 1903, was $157,469,836.26, and the appropriation by congress was $146,937,395.77.

GREAT BRITAIN WANTS THE GOLD

Endeavoring to Locate Bars Worth $650,000 Brought to Germany from South Africa.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—The British government is telegraphing to all the German ports making inquiries concerning Boer gold bars worth $650,000, which, it is supposed, have been brought to this country from South Africa within the past fortnight. The bars are destined for former President Kruger and Dr. Leyds, and, it is presumed, had been concealed in the Northern Transvaal. Great Britain will endeavor to legally attach the gold if it can be located on the ground that she is entitled to all the assets of the Transvaal, because she has assumed responsibility for the debts of that country, including the bonds issued prior to the war.

General Botha's reply to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain that the late Boer government had no assets was strictly true as far as he knew, but since receiving Mr. Chamberlain's letter General Botha learned, according to seemingly trustworthy information here, that Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds have in their possession $2,500,000. General Botha requested them to turn over this gold for the benefit of the Boer people, but Dr. Leyds refused, averring that the money was to be used in upholding the Boer nationality in the future. General Botha has notified Dr. Leyds that unless the gold is given up legal proceedings will be brought against him.

ANALYSIS LEADS TO ARREST.

Parents Locked Up on Suspicion of Having Poisoned Children.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—After carrying on for a period of several weeks an investigation into the cause of the death of Annie Williams, aged 9 years, and her 3-year-old sister, Josephine, on Oct. 21 and 22, respectively, the police authorities have deemed it proper to detain at a police station the parents of the dead children. The father, John W. Williams, was taken into custody Saturday night and the wife was removed to a police station yesterday, along with her other three children. Annie and Josephine died of what the attending physician thinks was poison and notified the coroner. A chemical analysis made by direction of the coroner tended to prove the doctor's theory, and the arrest of the parents followed. It is said the dead children were insured, the elder one for $115 and the younger child for $30. Williams and his wife deny that they were the cause of the death of the two children.

Husband Charged With Murder.

Elwood, Ind., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Charles Dubois, a bride of but a few months, was found dead in her room late Saturday afternoon, with a bottle of carbolic acid lying at her side and a note, in which was stated her intention of taking her life. An autopsy was held Saturday night and no poison was found in her stomach. The side of her head was crushed, apparently by the blow of a blunt instrument. The coroner held an inquest yesterday, which led to the arrest of Charles Dubois, the husband of the dead woman, who is charged with murder.

Will Be Extradited.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Charles F. Kelly, wife of ex-Speaker Kelly, of the St. Louis house of delegates, who is under arrest here charged with bribery in connection with a municipal lighting bill, arrived here yesterday. She was met by friends and at once taken to the Central police station in city hall, where she had a six hours' talk with her husband. Mrs. Kelly will remain here until her husband is taken west. It is expected the prisoner will be extradited and taken to St. Louis within the next few days.

Examining Into Chicago Explosion.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—A rigorous examination of the causes that led to the explosion of Swift & Co.'s boiler plant Saturday, when 13 persons were killed, was begun yesterday by mechanical experts, representing the city and private interests.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Ohio—Fair and warmer today, except probably rain along the lake. Tomorrow, rain; brisk southwest to south winds.

Western Pennsylvania—Fair today, followed by rain; warmer tonight and tomorrow; brisk southwest to south winds.

West Virginia—Fair in west, snow or rain in east portion today. Tomorrow rain; brisk southwest to south winds.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Real Estate Deals Taken from Records at Uniontown.

J. V. Thompson, James M. Hustead, Alpha L. Moser, Isaac W. Semans, Thomas B. Semans, E. S. Hackney, George L. Hibbs and William M. Thompson to Republic Coke Company, all the coal underlying six tracts of land in Redstone township, viz: The Henry Rotruck tract of 1135 acres, part of John Hibbs tract of 19 acres, part of John R. Colley tract of 5 acres, Finley Chalfant tract of 135 acres, Margaret Sessler tract of 12 acres, part of Eliza Newcomer tract of 38 acres, part of Hibbs-Coffman tract of 1 acre; $1.

Charles Weihe and wife to Martin F. Pichard and Jefferson A. DeWitt, Lots Nos. 44,59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 72 in plan of lots laid out by William Weihe in the Highland addition to Connellsville; $2,252.35. November 17th, 1902.

George A. Markle and wife to Michael Martorano, lot No. 473 in the Ashman and Torrence addition to New Haven; $200. November 15th, 1902.

Robert W. Clark and wife to Charles J. McCormick, two pieces of land and two double houses in South Union township; $2,000. November 28th, 1902.

J. and W. M. Downey to Anderson C. Kiger, undivided two-thirds interest in two tracts of land adjacent to Smithfield; $3,000. November 10th, 1902.

Mrs. S. A. Stewart to Anderson C. Kiger, undivided one-third interest in a tract of land west of the Smithfield and Rubles mill road, known as the Mathiot, Stewart and Downey property; $1, and a deed from A. C. Kiger for his two-thirds interest in certain properties. November 22nd, 1902.

Jean H. Davidson to Morris Kobacker, two pieces of ground in Connellsville township; $1,150. October 24th, 1902.

James Newton Stone to George W. Bierer, lots Nos. 87 and 88 in Bowman and Frazee addition to Pt. Marion; $690. July 5th, 1902.

M. H. Bowman and others to James Newton Stone, lots Nos. 87, and 88 in Bowman and Frazee addition to Pt. Marion; $500. November 8th, 1893.

Edgar Boyle and others to Monongahela Railroad Company, strip of land in Luzerne township; $2,800. October 9th, 1902.

Jefferson A. DeWitt to Joseph Brindecker, lot in Dunbar township; $175. October 13th, 1902.

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Charles A. Richey to Jos. Pandorf, lot in Dunbar township; $850. May 29th, 1902.

Moses Thomas to J. D. Sisley, lot in Everson; $350. August 14th, 1902.

James Byrne to Preapouella Kulhacki, lot in Everson; $700. October 17th, 1902.

Executor of Joseph Recknor, tract of land in Henry Clay township. February 17th, 1890.

Samuel Lough, executor of Joseph Recknor, to Jonas Seese, George B. Seese and Amadee Seese, tract of land in Henry Clay township; $500. November 21st, 1902.

Blanche D. Evans to B. Reichstein, lot in the First Ward, Connellsville, $1,150. November 19th, 1902.

Joseph M. Kough to Mrs. Mary Jackson, lot in the Independent Cemetery in Bullskin township; $10. April 19th, 1900.

John S. Noakess to Christian Debold and daughter, lot in Bullskin township; $100. November 20th, 1902.

John Markley to Bettie J. Bird, lot in Henry Clay township; $170. April 21st, 1900.

A. S. Livengood and wife to Frederick Tischk, piece of ground in Upper Tyrone township; $1,800. August 4th, 1900.

Robert Meese and wife to Clarence Stewart, lot in Redstone township; $475. August 2nd, 1902.

Samuel H. Rankin to John A. McDermott and others, lot of land in Connellsville borough; $1,625. September 18th, 1902.

Hugh L. Rankin and wife to Annie Goethel Cohen, tract of land in the First Ward, Uniontown on the corner of Peter street and Broadway; $14,000. September 27th, 1902.

George W. Newcomer to Edmund Dunn, lot in Connellsville township; $3,500. September 13th, 1902.

Oliver S. Paxton to William V. Cochran, lot of land in Franklin township; $450. September 24th, 1902.

S. E. Ewing and wife to Thomas Matthews, triangular shaped piece of ground on North Arch street, First Ward, Uniontown; $1. September 1st, 1902.

J. V. and William Thompson, executors and trustees of John A. Niccolls, to John Matis, part of the Huston tract of land in South Union township; $660. August 2nd, 1902.

Barbara A. Lang to James J. Haines, lot in New Haven; $2,150. September 29th, 1902.

Martha Glaise to Ora S. Brown, lot of ground in Smithfield, upon which is erected a two story frame dwelling; $1,250. October 1st, 1902.

Simon P. Matson and wife to James E. Goff, undivided nine-tenths interest of a tract of land in North Union township; $1,050. October 27th, 1902.

Chauncey B. Ross and wife to Simon P. Matson, undivided nine-tenths interest of a tract of land in North Union township; $112.

William T. Kennedy to Sarah M. Fike, lot in the Fourth Ward, Uniontown; $1,200. February 16th, 1902.

Live Stock Exposition.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—If the number of people who visited the international live stock exposition yesterday may be taken as a criterion the attendance at this year's exposition will exceed that of last year by fully 100,000 persons. Notwithstanding that yesterday was Sunday, 20,000 people of Chicago and vicinity passed through the gates during the day and evening. The judging in the various departments began today.

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Bank Statements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Citizens' National Bank of Connellsville, at Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, November 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$127,759.01
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		2,406.85
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		8,422.70
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		3,827.16
Due from State Banks and Bankers		5,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents		18,987.85
Checks and other cash items		1,018.59
Notes of other National Banks		500.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		31.74
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$9,000.20	
Legal tender notes	2,000.00	11,000.20
Redemption fund with U. S Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		1,250.00
Total		$200,503.60

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		979.76
National Bank notes outstanding		25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check		103,083.84
Liabilities other than those above stated		21,470.00
Total		$200,533.60

State of Pennsylvania, County of Fayette, ss:
I, ROBT. W. SOISSON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ROBT. W. SOISSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.
P. BUFANO, Notary Public.

Correct Attest: J. D. JACKSON, W. H. BROWN, F. E. MARKELL, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dawson, at Dawson, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, November 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$176,090.28
Overdrafts, secured and unsec'd		2,789.48
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		50,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds		1,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc		111,186.19
Banking house furniture and fixtures		3,500.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	18,597.42	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	14,000.00	
Due from approved reserve agents	264,500.35	
Checks and other cash items	3,011.18	
Notes of other National Banks	5,000.00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	32.88	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie $46,823.00		
Legal tender notes 5,000.00	51,823.00	356,971.33
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation)		2,500.00
Total		$702,937.28

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund		50,000.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	19,747.00	114,158.08
National Bank notes outstanding		50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	5,324.92	
Individual deposits subject to check	527,456.83	
Demand certificates of deposit	350.00	
Cashier's Checks outstanding	58.48	533,184.23
Total		$702,937.28

State of Penna., County of Fayette, ss:
I, JNO. H. WURTZ, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JNO. H. WURTZ, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.
C. O. SCHROYER, N. P.

CORRECT—Attest.
M. M. COCHRAN, J. R. LAUGHREY, JOS. OGLEVEE, } Directors.

Bank Statements.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Connellsville, at Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, November 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 627,467.96
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		138.93
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		75,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		1,600.00
Stocks, securities, etc.		204,596.08
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		143,163.80
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		1.85
Due from approved reserve agents		141,937.46
Checks and other cash items		4,135.65
Notes of other National Banks		7,517.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		863.73
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie $86,536.60		
Legal tender notes 9,668.00		96,204.60
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		3,750.00
Total		$1,300,856.07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund		125,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		18,480.82
National Bank notes outstanding		75,000.00
Due to other National Banks		2,082.57
Dividends unpaid	3,812.00	
Individual deposits subject to check	915,748.16	
Demand certificates of deposit	82,130.98	
Cashier's checks outstanding	52.14	1,003,875.85
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		3,000.00
Total		$1,300,856.07

State of Penna., County of Fayette, ss:
I, EUGENE T. NORTON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
EUGENE T. NORTON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.
JOHN KURTZ, N. P.

CORRECT—Attest: JOHN D. FRISBEE, ROBT. NORRIS, WM. WEIHE, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK of Connellsville, at Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, November 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$317,063.09
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		6.95
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		17,500.00
Stocks, securities, etc		38,357.84
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		41,600.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		16,746.84
Due from State Banks and Bankers		15,807.20
Due from approved reserve agents		35,852.84
Internal revenue stamps		75.69
Checks and other cash items		3,068.02
Notes of other National Banks		795.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		118.48
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	25,227.80	
Legal-tender notes	11,750.00	36,977.80
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, 5% of circulation		625.00
Total		$517,989.70

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund		50,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		17,251.09
National Bank Notes outstanding		12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	344,428.86	
Demand certificates of deposit	3,757.19	
Certified Checks	51.96	348,238.01
Total		$517,989.70

State of Penna., County of Fayette, ss:
I, J. A. ARMSTRONG, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. A. ARMSTRONG, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.
P. BUFANO, N. P.

CORRECT.—Attest: J. M. REID, J. T. McCORMICK, ELLIS PHILLIPS, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE YOUGHIOGHENY NATIONAL BANK of Connellsville, at Connellsville, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, November 25th, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$840,878.01
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,827.46
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		75,000.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds		3,800.00
Stocks, securities, etc		64,677.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures		4,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	2,659.75	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	20,092.70	
Due from approved reserve agents	71,249.70	
Internal revenue stamps	18.35	
Checks and other cash items	10,015.90	
Notes of other National Banks	700.00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	80.69	105,417.09
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	15,086.40	
Legal tender notes	8,000.00	23,086.40
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer, (5% of circulation)		3,750.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5% redemption fund		2,000.00
Total		$623,936.05

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund		60,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		17,180.83
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding		75,000.00
Due to other National Banks	3,480.36	
Dividends unpaid	306.00	
Individual deposits subject to check	392,470.75	
Cashier's checks outstanding	548.81	397,270.14
Total		$623,936.05

State of Penna., County of Fayette, ss:
I, GEO. T. GRIFFIN, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. T. GRIFFIN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.
JOHN KURTZ, N. P.

CORRECT—Attest: JOSEPH SOISSON, B. F. BOYTS, ROBERT FELTY, } Directors.

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HOSTILE FOREIGNERS.

The Uniontown Genius learns that the Brewers' Union of that place is composed of foreigners, only seven members being taxpayers.

The statement is not surprising; in fact, it is just what we expected. The conclusion was natural. The altitude of the Brewers' Union was in itself sufficient evidence that its membership was hostile to the government of this country.

Hostile acts on the part of one government against another are sufficient grounds for a declaration of war. What shall we say of the hostile acts of foreigners within our country and sheltered and protected by its laws?

We will not presume to determine this question, which is for abler legal minds than ours, but it seems to us that the brewery companies ought not to condone this action; that it is their duty to resent it to the uttermost; and that unless a proper disclaimer is made, they should be classed with the union and all it stands for, and be dealt with accordingly when the next License Court sits.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

The late lamented Bill Nye said of the country newspaper: "It is a library, a country newspaper, an encyclopedia, a poem, a biography, a history, a prophecy, a political resume, a medley of life and death, a grand aggregation of man's glory and his shame; in short, a birdseye view of all the goodness and meanness, the joys and griefs, the births and deaths, the pride and poverty of a community."

But it was reserved for a country schoolboy to do more ample justice to the subject. His "composition" was as follows: "Newspapers is called vehicles of information. Editors is men what knows everything in the heavens above and the earth beneath. They is writters who doesn't write anything whatsoever. They is the biggest men you ever see. If ever I start a paper of my own, I'll call it The Umbrella. Everybody will take it."

Congressman Acheson has at least one enthusiastic admirer in Washington county. The election returns show that he voted for E. F. Acheson for Lieutenant Governor, for State Senate, for Assembly, for Prothonotary, for Register, for Coroner and for Auditor.

THE FIRST SERVICE

Held Yesterday in the New United Brethren Church.

The United Brethren people of Connellsville held their first Sunday services in the lecture room of their new church yesterday. Rev. S. E. Conaway of Mt. Pleasant preached two very able sermons to large and appreciative audiences. About 60 persons communed during the day. Four were received into the church.

In the afternoon at 2.30 there was a very imposing service held. Stirring addresses were made by the following ministers: Rev. W. H. Gladden, D. D., of the Methodist Protestant Church of Connellsville; Rev. George P. Cowling of the United Brethren Church, Scottdale; Rev. L. W. Stahl of the United Brethren Church of Everson and Rev. S. E. Conaway of Mt. Pleasant.

The services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. V. Barnhart. The day's services will certainly add much to the new enterprise, and help hasten the completion of their new church.

Dawson Brevities.

Mrs. Rutter of Upper Middletown is visiting at the home of her father, John H. Wood of Howe street.

Dawson and Everson played a game of foot ball at Dawson Driving Park Saturday afternoon. The score was 0 to 0. The teams were evenly matched and played an interesting game.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Live News Notes Gathered From all Parts of the Town.

The ice creepers were resurrected.

High balls come with the snow balls.

The gas meter is doing double turn.

Buy your coats at 60c on the dollar at sale at The Fair.

Dan Duggan and William Hay have returned from Altoona where they have been working for the past three weeks.

J. T. Johnston, the mineral water man, was in Pittsburg Saturday making some purchases incident to his business.

Clarence Miller returned Sunday from a 15 days visit with relatives in Meyersdale. He is a Baltimore & Ohio conductor.

Dr. C. H. LaClair, Dr. T. N. Eastman and C. E. Lenhart, all of the County Capital, were Connellsville visitors Saturday.

Along with the first fall of the beautiful snow this morning came a bouncing baby boy to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hays, Race street, South Side.

The foundations are completed for the new Pennsylvania station on North Pittsburg street, and Girard & Strawn, the brick contractors, will commence their work as soon as the brick comes.

Mrs. Harry Long returned home from Cleveland, Ohio, Sunday, and will arrange to move here in a short time. Her husband has been working in Cleveland, but expects to return to Connellsville.

A meeting of the Connellsville School Board will be held this evening if a quorum is present, this being the regular meeting night. Tomorrow is the regular night for a meeting of the Connellsville Town Council.

Mrs. Fannie Moorehead of Brownsville is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. David Girard, South Pittsburg street. Miss Katie Smith, also of Brownsville, who had been the guest of Mrs. Girard, returned home the latter part of last week.

Roger Knox returned Saturday to resume his studies in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania after spending his Thanksgiving vacation with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Armstrong, Prospect street.

Charles W. Patterson lost a horse Sunday evening from his stable along the southwest track on the North Side. The animal was either stolen or strayed from the stable, the former being most likely. The animal is a large bay mare.

J. R. Bailey, for four years Assistant Manager of the Daily and Weekly News, left Sunday afternoon to assume the management of the Monessen Leader, of which Sheriff John A. Fresher of Westmoreland county is proprietor.

Charles N. Shaw and Miss Pearlette Shaw, both of Connellsville, were married Wednesday evening, November 26th, 1902, at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. W. A. Edie. The young couple will make their home in Connellsville.

Christian Snyder celebrated his 84th birthday Saturday with a family dinner. There were present his sons Henry P. Snyder and George B. Snyder, his daughters, Miss Mary B. Snyder, Mrs. Charles Grey, and his granddaughter, Miss Jean B. Snyder.

The Uniontown Genius says: "A. B. Morton of Connellsville was transacting business Friday at the court house. Mr. Morton, although 80 years old, is still a very active man, and moves around with as much elasticity as a man much younger in years."

W. H. Cover of the Internal Revenue Service, went Saturday night to a new assignment. For the next term of service he will be United States gauger at the McKeesport plant of the Thomas Moore Distilling Company. In other words his change is from "Old Overholt" to "Old Tom Moore."

Western Pennsylvania had its first fall of snow Sunday. It began to fall about 2 o'clock and kept coming down until after dark. About two inches of snow fell about Connellsville while the fall was probably an inch more in the mountain districts. The temperature dropped about 30 degrees from Saturday afternoon.

Train No. 6, due here at 9.45 A. M., was six hours late Sunday owing to the disastrous wreck five miles west of New Castle, an account of which appears in another column. On the train were a number of Congressmen bound from the West to Washington to be present at the opening of Congress today. Among them were: Senator J. P. Dolliver and Judge Walter I. Smith, Republican Representative, both of Iowa; Representative John S. Snook of the Fifth Ohio district, from Spaulding, O., with his wife; John J. Feely, Representative from the Second Illinois district, from Chicago, the youngest man in the House, and Representatives J. Ross McKey and A. J. Hopkins, also of Illinois; Representative Chester I. Long of Medicine Lodge, Kan., Representative John H. Stephens of Vernon, Tex., and Howell Jones of Topeka, Kan., General Counsel of the Santa Fe system, and one of the best known railroad attorneys in the country.

Suspected Woman Suicides.

Dexter, Me., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Hattie L. Whitten, who was arrested Saturday on the charge of having poisoned her 9-year-old daughter, from whose funeral she had just returned, committed suicide yesterday by hanging while in the custody of the deputy sheriff. Mrs. Whitten is suspected also of having caused the death of an older daughter, aged 11, on Sept. 19 last, and this body had been exhumed. Both children died suddenly when previously they had appeared to be in the best of health. Mrs. Whitten's husband also died suddenly two years ago. The children were insured for $66 and $82, respectively. As a cause of death the physicians's certificate mentioned meningitis and heart failure. An autopsy on the body of the younger girl disclosed arsenic and strychnine.

Telegraphers Get Increase.

Fon du Lac, Wis., Dec. 1.—All the telegraph operators on the Wisconsin Central railroad have been granted an increase in salary, amounting to $5 a month for every employe in that department. The advance in the wage scale has already gone into effect and the pay checks for Dec. 16 will show the increase.

Wanted.

WANTED.—TWO FLOOR CASES; APply at the Trooper's Store in the Opera House Block. AUGUST KERNER. 1dec1t

Estrayed or Stolen.

A LARGE BAY MARE, 16 HANDS HIGH, weight, 1,350 pounds; star on face, considerable hair on legs; was blanketed with a stable blanket and tied by halter with red rope, either estrayed or was stolen from my stable Sunday night, November 30. Any information should be addressed to C. W. PATTERSON, Connellsville, Pa. dec1t

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, the 16th day of December, 1902, by J. N. Sisley, V. H. Solesun and Frank Cox, under the Act of Assembly, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called THE KNOCK-DOWN BOX COMPANY, the character and object of which shall be manufacturing Thomas' patent knock-down boxes, or any article of commerce, from wood or metal, or both, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto. STERLING, HIGBEE & DUMBAULD, Solicitors.
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Connellsville Real Estate Bulletin,
Office, 201 W. Main Street,
Connellsville, Pa.

Eight houses for rent in South Connellsville, Pa.; 4, 7 and 8 rooms.
Houses and lots for sale in all sections of town.
East End Acre Gardens—Ten little farms from one to ten acres on small payments, along street car line, one mile from Connellsville.
Call at office if you have anything to sell or want to purchase a farm, a house, a lot, or rent a house or we will look after the renting of your property.

London, Dec. 1.—The colonial officers announce that after Dec. 1 no permits to proceed to the Transvaal or to the Orange River colony will be issued in England or anywhere except at South African ports. Intending passengers are advised to ascertain beforehand by writing whether they are likely to obtain permits.

REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—A good 5-roomed house near Greenwood. Price very cheap, $1,250. $150 cash, $15 per month. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—An 8-room almost new cottage house on Second street, South Connellsville at bargain price, $1,575. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—One 4-room house in brick row, South Side; price $875. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE.—East Connellsville choice lots, $50 to $200, $1 per week payments. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE.—Good 5-room house. Lot 66×165. Near B. & O. shops. Price only $1,200. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—A 6-room house three-fourth acres of ground, near Gibson school house. Only $1,800. Half cash. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—Lots in South Connellsville, $300. Kobacker's.

FOR RENT—Near town, small farm, excellent fruit trees, good buildings, seven acres; rent only $100 per year. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—A farm of 50 acres near Hammondville with buildings that cost $6,000, will sell ofr $5,200 cash. $1,200 balance on six-year mortgage at 4s. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—Several good houses. Desirably located. Reasonable prices. Easy Terms. Kobacker's.

FOR RENT—Two small farms. Good soil; comfortable houses; cheap rents. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—$200 for centrally located lot in Connellsville. Kobacker's.

FOR SALE—Along Fairview avenue, lot 40×132, on paved street. Immense bargain, only $450. Kobacker's.

CONNELLSVILLE THEATRE

Tuesday, December 2,

The Successful Musical Gaiety,

HUNTING FOR HAWKINS.

Presented by the same Great Cast as seen at Pittsburg last month.

FUN, MUSIC, ENJOYMENT.

Prices, 25, 35, 50 and 75 Cents.

Seats on sale at Clarke's Jewelry store. Phone 245.

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CAPITAL, $1,000,000

Many a man has made a success in life simply because when the opportunity presented itself he had a little ready money and could take advantage of it.

It's always the man with "a little money ahead" who gets on in the world. Your opportunity MAY come to-morrow. You'd better begin to save to-day. The Union Savings Bank accepts deposits in any amount from $1 up, and pays

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Its system of Banking by Mail is very simple—and perfectly safe.

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Fashionable Coats for Men of Affairs.

Let us sell you one of these fashionable Top Coats. Take it home and let your wife or your friends judge of its quality and fashion.

We have the swellest line that ever came to Connellsville. They are stylish, perfect fitting and made of the finest material, and what is more, sold at prices that cannot be duplicated here or elsewhere. Just because these coats are sold for less than exclusive tailorings you needn't think they are cheap in material or appearance. They have the real quality and do not cost as much as you would think. We'll fit you for half; isn't that an inducement?

All clothing sold pressed nicely before leaving the store.

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CLOTHIER, Marietta Block, N. Pittsburg St.

DIRECTORS' MEETING.

Important Matters to Come Before Fayette County's School Commissioners

DURING THE WEEK OF INSTITUTE.

Names of the Officers of the Institute as Arranged by County Superintendent of Schools, John S. Carroll.

County Superintendent John S. Carroll has sent out his booklets for the 49th annual teachers' institute of Fayette county to be held at Uniontown the week commencing December 15th. The names of the instructors and entertainers were printed in The Daily Courier several days ago. The officers of the institute will be as follows: President, John S. Carroll, County Superintendent; Vice Presidents, J. P. Wiley, Principal, Connellsville; H. F. Brooks, Principal, Uniontown; Secretaries, Lulu B. Carroll, Louisa Minor, Mabel Woodfill, Alpha French, Ida M. Lowe, Etta Delaney, Bertha Hanson, Catherine Smith. Enrolling Secretaries, W. R. Johnson, Benjamin F. King, C. H. Cuppet, Hampton L. Potter; Time Clerks, William H. Johns, Ross Matthews, Edwin Smith, Frank Knox, Ashabel Williams, J. H. Dumbauld. Committees, Profesional Literature, A. J Gans, T. W. Holland, A. M. Uphouse, F. A. Barah, Albert Bolen, Ewing J Newcomer, R. K. Smith, J F. Snyder; Arrangements, B. S. Newcomer, J. M. Hall, William DeGardeyn, A. M. Kendall, C. K. Brooks, W. A. Cawley, W R. Hiller, Addis Zearley; Resolutions, J. E. Keffer, C. G. Lewellen, Lin. M Jaco, R. B. Wilson, Emeline Lindy, C. H. Brooks, Ira Hess, Walter Byers; Memorial, C. H. Cuppet, J. T King, Bert Frazee, John M. Moore, Annabel Bolen, Jacob S. Anderson, William H. Dumbauld, A. J Bowell; Ushers, A. C. Gwynne, James Thomas, P. H. Howard, C. B. Johnson; Auditing, T. H. Means, Isaac F. Smith, S. A Davidson, Director.

The Fayette County Directors' Association will hold their meeting on Thursday, December 18th. Fayette county has 36 School Directors. Some are deeply interested in school work; others are not. Some attend the annual meetings of the Association, while others who have been Directors for years have never attended one meeting. A course of study for the schools of the county has been prepared by the County Superintendent, and will come before this meeting for adoption, if approved by the committee to whom it shall first be submitted. This is a most important matter and ought to interest every Director in the county. It was ready to come before the Association in August, but no meeting was held at that time. If approved by the committee and adopted by the Association, it can be made ready for distribution by January 15th, 1903. Among the Directors who will read papers at the meeting are George L. Moore, S. M. Wakefield, D. P. Morgan, J. C. Stacy, Dr. J. S. Hackney, Dr. J. L. Cochran and Charles H. Albert. George L. Moore is President and S. M. Wakefield Secretary.

THE PLAY.

Features of the Attractions Billed Here This Week.

Guy F. Steely's newest success "Hunting for Hawkins," which will be offered local playgoers this season for the first time, at the Connellsville Theatre, Tuesday, December 2nd, has made the most positive laughing hit of any musical comedy produced during recent times, and as the genuine merit of the attraction is thoroughly recognized here, it will be welcomed.

Carl A. Haswin, who has made such a successful production of "The Counterfeiters" this season will be well remembered for his former production of "The Silver King and A Lion's Heart." He brings his new play to the Connellsville Theatre, matinee and night, December 6th.

Tourist Rates via the Seaboard.

on sale at greatly reduced rates, via the Seaboard Air Line railway, to all points in Florida, as well as to Pinehurst, Camden and the leading Southern winter resorts.

These tickets are good for stop-over, either going or coming, until the end of the winter season.

The Seaboard is the short route from the North and East from Florida and the South Atlantic States.

For further information and Book of Winter Tours, apply to agents of Air Line railway and those of connecting lines. Also, for "The Land of Manatee," about a region on the west coast of Southern Florida, in three booklets: No. 1, Historical and Descriptive; No. 2, For Gardener and Fruit Grower;; No. 3, For Tourist and Sportsman. Ask or send for the one you want. C. B. Ryan, G. P. A., Portsmouth, Va.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Live News Notes Gathered From all Parts of the Town.

Pattern hats at about one-half price at The Fair.

H. B. Tracy of Ohiopyle was the guest of friends in town over Sunday.

200 fine coats, a sample line bought at 60c on the dollar now on sale at The Fair.

Howard A. Riley of Scottdale was the guest of friends in Connellsville over Sunday.

Miss Sarah Seaton went Saturday to Morgantown for a short visit with friends there.

E. B. Kittell of Confluence was a business caller in Connellsville Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Wharton, New Haven, is the guest of her brother, Clifton Wharton, New York.

Mrs. William Cypher, New Haven, went to Pittsburg Sunday for a short visit with friends there.

R. Sembower, the well known lumber man of Uniontown, was in town Saturday on a business errand.

Owing to the backward season fine sample line of coats bought at 60c on the dollar on sale at The Fair.

Albert S. Silcox is the proud father of a girl which arrived at his home on Peach street a few days ago.

William H. Moore of Bear Run was among the callers in the Yough Metropolis Saturday and Sunday.

Blacksmith shops were busy this morning "roughing" horses for the slippery roads and streets that always follow a freeze and fall of snow.

O. L. Schroyer of West Newton was a guest registered at the Smith House Saturday. He is a member of the undertaking firm of Schroyer Bros., of West Newton.

W. Wood Peck and J. V. Cook of Morgantown were registered at the Yough House Saturday, returning from seeing the Army-Navy foot ball game at Philadelphia Saturday.

R. A. Doerner of the Connellsville News reportorial force, was called to his home in Cumberland Saturday by the dangerous illness of his sister who has been ill for almost a year.

Mr and Mrs George Holland returned to their home in Pittsburg Sunday after spending Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs Frank Holland, Patterson avenue, South Side.

Mrs. John Barron, John Barron, Jr., and Miss Margaret Barron, returned to their home, Shadyside, Pittsburg Saturday after a visit at the home of Dr. J. J. Singer, Peach street.

Invitations have been issued for a card party which will be given by Mrs. Frank Hasson and Mrs Robson at the home of the former, Mount Vernon avenue, Uniontown, Tuesday evening. A number of Connellsville people will attend the function.

Miss Cora Lawton, who for a few days, has been the guest of her friend, Miss Anna Curry at her South Prospect street home, went Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs F. C Bishop, Morgantown, W. Va., after which she will return to her home at Mt Pleasant.

Attorney D. W McDonald of Uniontown stopped in town for a short time Sunday evening, returning from a visit at the home of his brother in Confluence. He is the defending attorney in two of the six murder trials that come up during the December term of court.

Policeman James Caldwell of Dunbar spent Sunday in town. He has about recovered from the injuries incident to the severe beating which he received from a gang of roughs in Dunbar some days ago. The case of the ringleader of the gang will come up at December court.

Francis Rocks, the coal and coke man, was in town Saturday. He is busy arranging for his new plant in Nicholson township, to be built on the tract of coal which he recently purchased from Dr. G W. Neff of Masontown and George Porter of Uniontown. Work on the new plant will begin shortly after the first of the year.

Connellsville was crowded with afternoon shoppers Saturday. Among those who visited the up-to-date stores were Mrs. J. L. Fox and daughter, Miss Mayme, Dawson; Misses Maude Rosselle, Maude Rowan, Edith Shallenberger and Winnie McFarland, Vanderbilt, Miss Martha Williams, Dunbar; Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong, Star Junction.

Miss Ollie Boyd of New Haven, assisted by her Sunday School class, gave a social in the Christian Church Saturday afternoon for the benefit of the missionary cause. Refreshments were served and a number of pretty booths with prettier attendants dispensed fancy goods and other wares. The receipts of the social were $31.18, an admirable showing for an afternoon affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Martin of Grafton, W. Va., passed through town last evening on their way to New Castle. They went to look after the burial arrangements of Mrs. Martin's brother, Engineer Howard Bradley, who was instantly killed in the wreck of Baltimore & Ohio train No. 6 near New Castle Sunday morning. Mr. Martin was formerly yardmaster for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in Connellsville.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

Longer Hours.

Commencing Monday, Dec. 1st, this store will be open every evening until 8 o'clock. That's two hours more added to each day for your Christmas shopping. Days will be none too long, either, when you stop to consider what a short time it is until Christmas is here. Pretty good time these evenings to look around and see this store and its Christmas goods.

We're Interesting the Men Folk.

More of them coming to this store than at any previous Christmas season. And here's a secret for you women folk: lots of you are going to be glad that we've told you about this dress goods department. But here's another list for the men—making it as easy as we can for them. Best way is for you to see to it that they see this ad.

Handkerchiefs.

Commence these at 5c and stop at $2 each. Only excuse we have for asking you to buy now is to get a better pick of the choicest kinds. Half dozen of these, neatly boxed, makes a present that anyone would appreciate. No woman ever had enough handkerchiefs.

Lace Curtains.

From $2 a pair up to $10. Two pair or 3 pair—enough for the room they're intended for—makes a present that the woman of the house would be pleased to receive.

Merritt's Comforts.

Told you men about these before, but they'll bear a second telling. If you've not seen them you ought to, then you'll know how good and how nice they are. $3, uncovered; $3.50 and $4.50, covered with silkoline. Better every way you could think than down—half the price.

Carpet Size Rugs.

Tapestry, Body Brussels, Axminster and Wilton, priced from $15 up to $40, and with these a new material for the floor around the rug, the best imitation of hard wood that's been produced so far. Better in many ways, too, than the real hard wood; easier put down for one thing, not near so expensive for another. 85c a square yard, and that includes the laying.

Umbrellas.

Going to have a showing of Umbrellas here that you don't want to pass by. More Umbrellas, too, than you'll expect to see—every style and variety that's worth showing. Start them at $1 and stop them at $10.

The Burnt Wood and Burnt Leather Novelties.

Monday next going to put these on display. Lots of little things to start the prices at a quarter; plenty more for 50c and then on up to $1 and on up. That's one reason that makes it worth your while to pay this store a visit these evenings—more time, perhaps, to look around.

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

129, 131, 133 N. PITTSBURG STREET,

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Make Yourself Comfortable.

We have lately added to our large stock of footwear several of the very best brands of Shoes and below we quote a few prices to give you an idea of the many extraordinary bargains we have for you. These goods are of the present season's styles and in quality are equal—and in some instances better—than most shoes sold at twice the price. Our bargains do not stop in the shoe department, but are found in every department of the store. The prices given below on various articles will convince you that our store is the real money saving store of Connellsville.

SHOE DEPARTMENT.

Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes at 99c.
Ladies' Fine Dress Shoes, extra quality, $1.25.
Ladies' Dress Shoes, military heel, strictly up-to-date, valued at $2.50, our price $1.99.
Ladies' Fine Shoes, Ideal Kid, made up in latest patterns, valued at $3.50, our price $2.75.
Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes from 75c to $1.25.
Infants' and Children's Shoes from 25 to 75c pair.
Men's Fine Shoes, 75c to $3.50.
Men's Heavy Bal. Shoes, tap sole, 99c pair.
Men's Heavy Shoes, rawhide strings, large eyelets, valued at $1.50, our price $1.25.
Men's Heavy Satin Calf Shoes, three double soles, slug nails, valued at $2.25, our price $1.75.

GUM SHOES.

Ladies' Gum Shoes, valued at 35c, our price 25c.
Ladies' Storm Gum Shoes, valued at 50c, for 25c.
Ladies' and Misses' Gum Shoes at 25c.
Men's Gum Overshoes, valued at 75c for 49c.
Men's Gum Boots, valued at $3, our price $2.25.
Men's Felt Boots, valued at $2, our price $1.50.
Men's White Felt Boots, two buckles, valued at $3, our price $1.50.
Ladies' Felt Boots, valued at $1.50, our price 99c.

Men's Sack Rain Coats, double breasted, from $1.49 to $1.75.

BLANKET DEPARTMENT.

Now is the time to buy your Winter Blankets. A cold wave is coming and you want to be prepared for it. We are prepared now to meet your needs.
Nice Gray Cotton Blankets, full 10-4 size, 65c, value 49c pair.
All-Wool Country Blankets, red and white and black and white, 11-4 size, cheap at $3.00, for only $2.48 pair.
Large Size All Merino Wool Blankets, red and white and black and red, elegant value at $3.75, only $2.98 pair.
Special lot of Comforts, extra well made, good value at $1.00, only 76c.
Extra well made, with fancy cover, the kind you are accustomed to pay $1.35 for, 99c.
Outing Flannels, 10, 6½, 5c yard.
Flannels—All-Wool Country Flannels in plaids, stripes and checks, worth 20c, only 20c per yard.

GRANITE AND TINWARE.

2-quart Enameled Tea and Coffee Pots, 35c.
3-quart Enameled Tea and Coffee Pots, 47c.
2-quart Enameled Sauce Kettle, 33c.
4-quart Enameled Sauce Kettle, 50c.
10-quart Enameled 10-h Pan, 39c.
14-quart Enameled Dish Pan, 49c.
17-quart Enameled Dish Pan, 59c.
21-quart Enameled Dish Pan, 79c.
10-inch Deep Jelly Cake Pans, 7c.
12-in Galvanized Coal Buckets 24c
16-in Galvanized Coal Buckets 29c
12-cup Gem Cake Pan, 17c.
1-gallon Galvanized Oil Can, worth 25c, only 19c.
Large Japanned Coal Fenders with brass rods, only 98c.
Fire Shovels, 4, 8 and 10c.
Gold Dust, 4-pound box, 17c.
8 cakes Lenox Soap for 25c.
280 Pins for 1 cent.
144 Shirt Buttons for 4 cents.
2 kegs of Tacks for 5 cents.
3 cakes of Ironing Wax 5 cents.

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Little Creatures About Our Homes

By LE ROY WELD

III.—Butterflies and Moths.

No one who has ever watched the development of a great, disgusting green worm into one of the most beautiful of God's creatures can fail to be ever after interested in such subjects as the one at the head of this article unless his taste has been so blunted that he can see no more beauty of coloring in the rainbow than in a penny valentine.

The beauty of these little, scaly winged creatures does not end with what we see with the unaided eye, but the microscope shows us that what appears like dust on the wings of butterflies and moths is really composed of minute scales of so delicate symmetry as to make one wonder anew at the perfection of nature's handiwork. And this is not all, for these little, feathery scales seen through the microscope are sufficient to identify the species of the insect from which they were taken. These scales are what give color to the wings. They are fastened to them by short stems and adhere to the fingers when we seize one of the insects by the wings. The author was once examining some water from a stagnant pool when suddenly there came into sight one of these scales, which he immediately recognized as coming from the wing of a hawk moth. He called to a lad who had been a zealous assistant and who had only a few days before clapped his hands in excitement on viewing for the first time the scales of this insect and of two other species which he had captured and brought in to show his prowess. The lad, not knowing what he should see, looked through the instrument for a moment, then glanced up at the author and exclaimed "Oh! Did that pretty hawk moth bathe in that filthy water?"

As these scaly winged insects all pass through about the same changes in their development from the egg to the perfect insect, a description of the metamorphosis of one species will be sufficient for the purpose of this short article. We will take for our illustration the hawk moth, sometimes called the humming bird moth from its resemblance to that fairylike little creature when it is probing a flower for honey. It is also sometimes called the five spotted sphinx.

Some fine day after the cold spring weather has passed the mother moth searches out a potato or a tomato plant, for the leaves of one of these plants furnished her with food when she was only a baby worm, and she instinctively places her eggs on one of them that her children may find plenty of nourishing food ready for them when a few days later they shall emerge from the tiny eggs. Should the weather be warm and pleasant the leaf will be swarming with a hundred or more little wriggling, wormlike larvæ within a week or ten days, all of them eating, eating, eating, as though that were their only mission in life. In fact, this seems to be their only mission for the following three or four weeks, as they eat about twice their own weight daily, and in a few weeks they become great green potato worms from three to four inches long, each weighing about 20,000 times as much as when it left the egg. It does stop eating, however, every few days when it has grown so large that its skin will not hold more. At such times it rests for awhile. Its skin turns to a grayish color, and it seems to be getting prematurely old. Then it bows its back, swells out each ring in the middle part of its body and bursts the skin open along the back. Now, with a little struggle, it draws out its head and a moment later its tail from the old skin and emerges in a bright new suit. The author once saw a caterpillar go through the whole of this molting process in a little less than two minutes. Caterpillars shed their skins in this way four or five times before they have attained their full size. They are now three or four inches long, and as they are full of rich juices they are often chosen by the ichneumon flies as a fit place in which to deposit their eggs so that when they hatch the young grubs will be surrounded by an abundance of food.

When the caterpillar of the hawk moth has shed its skin for the last time and again gorged itself with food toward the close of summer, it crawls down from the plant on which it has been feeding and buries itself in the ground, where the skin thickens and hardens and changes to a brownish color, and a long tube grows and bends over so as to resemble the handle of a pitcher. In this pupa state the caterpillar remains until spring, when it bursts from its wrappings and comes out of the ground a beautiful moth, ready to repeat the strange life of its ancestors. The jug handle of the pupa contains the future moth's tubular tongue, which it keeps coiled up like the hairspring of a watch except when it uses it to probe for honey in the deep corolla of some flower while still on the wing, like a humming bird. This tongue, or proboscis, is often five or six inches long.

Wonderful are the changes wrought in the caterpillar while it lies buried from our sight in Mother Earth. The mouth, with strong jaws, working horizontally for the mastication of vegetable food, must be changed to a suctorial mouth, fitted to suck up the nectar of the flowers, and the remainder of the digestive apparatus must be changed to digest the new kind of food. Ten of the sixteen legs of the caterpillar must be absorbed, leaving only the six true legs of the perfect insect. To the system of air tubes opening through little mouths along each side of the body to supply the necessary air for the caterpillar must be added four or five sacklike lungs in different parts of the body.

The wings must be formed and strong muscles developed to move them in flight. The whole nervous system must be remodeled to suit the needs of the mature animal which is much higher in the scale of life than is the caterpillar, and two large compound eyes, with hundreds of facets and lenses, must be formed, for the caterpillar has only six simple eyes, or ocelli.

All of the caterpillars are the larvæ of either butterflies or moths, and all are wormlike in form, so much so that most of them are often mistaken for worms. Nearly all of them have two or more pairs of jaws, which work horizontally instead of vertically, like those of higher animals, and some of them have a gizzard with teeth for still further grinding food. Nearly all are vegetable feeders, and some of them do much damage to growing crops. The common cankerworm, for example, destroys many of our currant blossoms and the foliage buds of many of our cultivated trees. You often see it hanging by a silken thread of its own spinning from the apple, plum, cherry or other fruit trees. It is one of the many measuring worms which children take delight in watching.

The cutworm is the caterpillar of a pretty little owlet moth and does much damage to our gardens by cutting down the tender cucumber, squash and tomato plants, and it sometimes destroys whole fields of beans, cabbages, potatoes and other vegetables. The army worm, cotton worm and apple worm are also very destructive, and these are all caterpillars.

The clothes moth deposits its eggs in fur, wool, feathers, etc., and the little caterpillar appears in from five to ten days and begins to feed, constructing a portable cylindrical case of the wool or fur upon which it is feeding. It leaves this tube open and lines it with silk spun from its own body. As it increases in size it enlarges its portable house by splitting the tube and inserting a gore first at one end and then at the other. It is very destructive to clothing, furs, etc., for it thrusts its head out of one end of the tube and eats as ravenously as its vegetarian relatives.

While most of the insects of this order are destructive to a greater or less extent of that which is useful to men, one of them, the silkworm, produces the material for a fabric which adds millions of dollars annually to the wealth of the world. The Bombyx mori, the species which furnishes the larger part of the silk of commerce, is a native of China and is now essentially a domestic animal. For centuries the Chinese government jealously guarded this insect lest foreigners should purloin their secret, obtain some of the silkworms and be thereby enabled to produce their own silk. History tells us that in the early part of the sixth century A. D. a Catholic missionary succeeded in carrying away some of the eggs, or cocoons in a bamboo walking stick and that he took them to the Emperor Justinian. From these the silk culture of southern Europe grew to be of great commercial importance within a few years.

The silkworm in its mature state is a clumsy moth, with a body much larger in proportion to the size of the wings than the bodies of other moths. This disproportion is so great in the female that she does not fly. The male is much more active. The caterpillars are ravenous eaters. Those coming from a single ounce of eggs eat, on an average, three-fifths of a ton of mulberry leaves and produce about 120 pounds of cocoons. The female dies very soon after laying her eggs.

The full grown caterpillar, instead of burying itself in the ground to pass through the pupa state, as does the caterpillar of the hawk moth, winds itself in a ball of silk which issues from two little spinnerets near the mouth. This process requires about two months, and when the cocoon is finished it is about the size and shape of a large sized pigeon's egg. The silk from the cocoon of the male is both finer and stronger than that from the cocoon of the female.

There is but one American species of silkworm which has proved to be very profitable as a silk spinner, the polyphemus. This is a large, beautiful moth, and it wraps its cocoon in one or more leaves.

If any of the young people who read this article should care to study either butterflies or moths, they should remember that any caterpillar kept in confinement must have plenty of fresh air and plenty of fresh food of the kind upon which it is feeding when found. They should also be careful not to keep the pupa too warm. If the potato worm is in your collection, furnish fresh dirt for it to hide itself in when it is ready for the change to the pupa state and then keep it in a cool place. A cool cellar will do.

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Two Wrights Make a Wrong.

A touch of humor lightens up the rather serious news that the secretary of the interior has just received from Governor Dole of Hawaii, says a Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune. Two officials of that territory, William H. Wright, treasurer of the territory, and B. H. Wright, chief clerk to the treasurer, have gone back on their names and have been discovered in a series of defalcations that amount to about $25,000. One has escaped to San Francisco and the other is under arrest. A wag in the interior department has made a reputation for himself by the following comment on the incident: "Two Wrights have made a wrong, and now, since two wrongs can never make a right, the two Wrights, who have taken what was not theirs by rights, will have to take what is theirs by rights."

Progress In a Southern University

The new department of education in the University of Tennessee is to be opened on Jan. 6, 1903, says the New York Commercial Advertiser. The department is largely modeled on the Teachers' college of Columbia university and is the outcome of a desire to meet the growing demand in the south for an advanced and extensive school for the professional training of teachers. It will include courses in modern pedagogy and psychology, also instruction in the latest methods of teaching English, history, the physical sciences, nature study, manual training and domestic science. It aims to prepare men and women of good scholarship for superintendents, principals and teachers in public and private schools of cities, towns and country districts. Teachers and persons pledging themselves to teach will receive free tuition.

To Climb Earth's Highest Peaks.

The mighty peaks of the Himalayas, several of which rise far above the loftiest elevation attained by any other mountains on the globe, have long challenged the mountain climber with impunity. Now Dr. Jacot-Guillemot, with a party of two Austrians and three Englishmen, has started for India to attempt the ascent of Mount Godwin-Austen, formerly known as Mount Dapsang, says the Youth's Companion. If he succeeds in this attempt, he may try yet higher peaks.

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James H. Barber, the well known traveling man, has just received a check from Washington for $135, which is in full for his horse, saddle and blanket that were taken thirty-seven years ago in violation of the terms of surrender by the federal authorities, says the Mayfield (Ky.) Messenger. He is now ready to get married and begin life anew and be ready for the next war.

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CHAPTER X.

THE MYSTERY OF JIM BUNN.

[CONTINUED.]

"He had some long talks with my father," said Donald, "and with you. He had planned to go driving with you when he was suddenly called away."

I replied that I could not guess what the man had hoped to do with me unless to kidnap me and hold me for ransom. Neglecting this jest, Donald asked me if there were any way in which my business could be attacked. He had read something in a newspaper about an attempt to force me into a trust.

"Such attempts have been made," I admitted. "I have been approached several times during the past year and a half, but if any of those men dream that they can coerce me they ought to wake up at the earliest possible moment. We have the best machinery in the world in that factory, Donald. We hold our patents hard and fast. Attempts have been made to undersell us at a loss and to hurt us with our customers in various parts of the country, but we are too strong for them. If we were in debt or if there were any way to interfere with our shipping arrangements the situation would be very different, but we control this branch railroad absolutely, and through it we hold ninety-nine year contracts with the main line, so that there is no possibility of discriminating against us."

Donald tapped with the bat as if upon the head of an invisible enemy.

"Suppose that you didn't control the branch," said he.

"Then," I replied, "it would be all up with us. The manufacturer must own the railroad or the railroad will own the manufacturer."

"But there are other factories in this town," he persisted.

"Because of our great mercy they continue to exist, my son," said I. "You will observe that none of them is a carpet factory."

"The branch is a stock company, of course?" said he.

"It is officially known as the Tunbridge and Wells Junction Railroad company," I replied. "There are 10,000 shares of stock of the par value of $100 each. It is rarely on the market, but the last sale, as I remember, was at 130. The value has greatly advanced of late. A little more than a year ago there was quite a block of it for sale. I bought some, and your father and Carl and Mr. Bunn bought 100 shares each. We got it at about 105. It was upon my advice that the others invested in it."

"Wasn't that *quite a large purchase* for Mr. Bunn?" said Donald. "I wouldn't have thought that he could raise $10,500. I'm not asking for idle curiosity, uncle," he added earnestly.

"Mr. Bunn put up about half the money," I replied, "and I made up the balance. The hundred shares stand in my name, but he can have them whenever he *pays* what is due. Meanwhile he draws the dividends on the whole lot. I shan't charge him interest on the money which I advanced. I wanted him to make a good investment, you understand. If left to himself, Bunn always makes bad ones. That's why I hold the stock in my name. I'm afraid he'll sell it and lose the money. It's a friendly arrangement."

"You couldn't prevent Mr. Bunn from taking the stock if he paid you your money, could you?" asked Donald, and I replied in the negative.

We were just entering my grounds. Donald stopped suddenly and leaned against one of the gate posts, as if overcome by a sudden exhaustion. I observed that his face, which had been flushed as a result of his recent exercise in the heat, had grown quite pale.

"Wait a minute, uncle," he said, and I stood stock still, staring at him. "Mr. Bunn will do that within three days."

"What do you mean?" I demanded. "Pay that money? He hasn't got it."

"He will get it," responded the boy firmly. "Mr. Kelvin will give it to him."

"Kelvin!" I exclaimed. "Why should *he do it?*"

"Will you let me ask you a question, uncle?" said Donald. "Did Professor Severn—the fellow who wasn't Professor Severn—talk to you about the branch road?"

My memory suddenly began to work with astonishing clearness and rapidity.

"We were standing by the office one day," said I, "and he pointed down toward the station and mentioned the curious circumstance that while traveling in the west he had met a man who held stock in that road. Naturally I asked him who it was, and he named my cousin, Silas Harrington. 'A very agreeable man,' said our professor, 'but eccentric. He told me that he never lived more than six months in one place. What part of the world has he reached by this time?'"

"And you told him?" said Donald, wiping his dripping forehead.

"Yes; I told him that Silas was in Colorado Springs the last that I heard of him."

"How much stock does he hold?"

I replied that to the best of my recollection the amount was 200 shares.

"We must telegraph to him," said Donald.

"Do you mean to tell me," said I, "that a serious attempt is being made to get control of the branch?"

"There is no doubt of it," he responded, with a groan. "I should have told you before, but I didn't know the truth until today. It was all guesswork. But they can't do it, uncle? They can't really do it?"

"I don't see how it's possible," said I. "There's the whole Hackett interest to reckon with. Why, William Hackett and the other heirs control almost two-fifths of the stock"—

"I'm afraid Kelvin has it by this time," said Donald almost in a whisper.

"My boy," said I very seriously, "is not this pretty deep water? I'm afraid you're relying too much upon yourself."

"I'm relying upon you, Uncle John, all that I can," he replied. "I'm fighting for my life and more than my life. That's the truth about it. You know that for any trivial motive I would *not take advantage of—make use of*"—

He could not go on, but I understood him. His instinctive knowledge of these plots against me had driven him to rely upon his special gift, and in the use of it he knew not how to work in full harmony with an ordinary man like me. Much that he knew was doubtless too vague to be put into words, and certainly it was susceptible of no rational proof. I then saw more clearly than ever before how terrible a burden this mysterious power might be, and I fully understood why those who possess it deny the possession and zealously strive to turn the inward eye *away from* such revelations.

Yet I suspected that Donald was assisted by disclosures of a more palpable nature. There was a tangible explanation of his knowledge of Kelvin's part in these designs. I could not ask the boy to lay bare his soul to me, to disclose the inner mysteries of an endowment which I should doubtless be wholly unable to comprehend, but I thought that he ought to confide in me in all things of the common sort. Therefore I asked him straight out whether he had derived any information from Amy Kelvin in regard to her father's underhand schemes.

"*None whatever,*" he replied, looking me straight in the eyes.

"Does this information depend upon the exercise of a peculiar power not possessed by the generality of mankind?" said I.

He hesitated a moment, struggling with himself.

"It does, Uncle John," he answered. "But—but *you're all at sea.* You don't in the least know what I mean. This power can be acquired by anybody—absolutely by anybody who is not blind, dumb and idiotic. Yet not five in a million ever pay the slightest attention to it. Great Heavens! A person can't throw a ball unless he learns. Now, please don't ask me any more questions *or I shall lie to you.*"

He seemed overwhelmed with that shame, as for a deformity, which the psychic power always seems to carry with it.

"I will press you no further, my boy," said I, "but it would occur to me that you might perhaps be able to confide more fully in your parents."

"I can't! I can't!" he cried. "I can't bring myself to speak of it. I can't ever help you any more unless we cease to talk of the means."

"Then we will cease to talk of them," said I. "Do your best, my boy. Tell me whatever comes to you, and I will mention it to no one. Meanwhile in regard to this particular business matter I am very glad to be warned, but I do not think that there is much danger."

In the hurry of my thoughts I had forgotten what Donald had said about Jim Bunn, though this was the most shocking and surprising feature of the disclosure. It was impossible for me to believe that this man who for thirty years had served me faithfully would form an alliance with my enemies. He had always seemed to be devoted to my interests, he had run to me with all his troubles, he had found me his friend in the many difficulties into which his injudicious investments had involved him, for Bunn was one of those men whose business judgment is excellent in his employer's affairs and persistently wrong in his own. Certainly he was bound to me by ties of gratitude; but, above and beyond this, I believed him to be a man of honor.

Recurring to this matter, I insisted that Donald must be mistaken, yet, while the words were on my lips, I had no great confidence in them. In my heart I believed that if he predicted this event it would occur. Still he might redeem his stock from me and not be a traitor. This view I suggested to Donald.

"It may be true," said he. "And, at any rate, I want you to promise me that you will not let Bunn know that you have any suspicion."

"I don't see that, Donald," said I. "If Bunn is tempted to sell this stock, he *may not know* who is buying it. Even if he knows Kelvin to be the buyer and is tempted by a fancy price he may not be aware that there is a chance of a successful fight against me in the company. I can talk him into the right line of conduct. Jim Bunn knows me. He will do what I say."

Donald looked at me with an expression of extreme desperation.

"If I beg of you not to do this," he cried, "will you take my advice? I give you my word of honor that I can foresee the end of it all and that you will be glad if you follow my way."

"May I consult with any one?" I asked, thinking of his father.

He seized my hand with a grip that seemed to paralyze my arm to the shoulder.

"Please, *please*, don't say a word to anybody!" he exclaimed. "I want your promise that you won't."

I looked him in the eyes and gave the word that he asked. It was partly superstition that led me to do it, partly my affection for the boy, and both these influences were modified by my *feeling that no harm could come of my* promise and that there was something adventurous and exciting in this affair—something that I would like to follow through to the end.

He hesitated a moment, struggling with himself.

That afternoon Jim Bunn came to me and told a rambling story of success in various ventures. He seemed to be lying, but he had the advantage of a demeanor always so nervous and restless that the signs of prevarication could not appear upon him as upon an ordinary man.

I heard his story quietly, and when at the end of it he produced the money with which to redeem his stock I made no comment. It would have been better to congratulate him, but I am not a good hand at such deceits.

In spite of this verification of Donald's prediction I did not believe that the danger was serious. However, I began an investigation immediately, telegraphing to Silas Harrington and to other holders of the branch stock. I discovered that my cousin had left Colorado Springs for parts unknown and that earnest inquiry was being made for him, doubtless in the interests of my enemies.

I learned in the course of a few days that Kelvin was heavily interested in the trust which was endeavoring to gain control of my factory; that he *had secured options on the entire* Hackett interest; that he had privately bought out some of my old friends right here in this little town of Tunbridge and had gained a paramount influence over others so that they would certainly vote against me at the meeting. The power of the money which he commanded seemed to surround me *upon all sides, and, though my position* was so strong that I had great confidence of victory, still I perceived that I might say in the words of Donald—words, by the way, which had contained an element of mystery beyond my power to solve at that time—that I was "fighting for my life and more than my life." For independence, to a man of my years and long cherished habits of thought, was the very essence of my existence. That the business which I had worked to build up should be swamped and lost in some vast aggregation of capital without heart or feeling for it, would have been too heavy a blow for me to bear with patience at my time of life or even to bear at all, perhaps.

CHAPTER XI.

MYSTERY OF THE DEAD MISER'S HAND.

WHILE I was quietly endeavoring to secure as much of the branch stock as could be had, Kelvin made a somewhat more open move than I had expected at this stage of the game. He appeared in the office of the railroad, *at the junction, accompanied by* William Hackett, and the transfer of the entire Hackett interest was recorded upon the books. It amounted to 3,900 shares.

Afterward Hackett came over to see me at Tunbridge and told me that this action was in accordance with his own stipulation. He had refused to sell at *any price or to use his influence to se*cure the stock from the other heirs unless Kelvin would agree, in writing, to declare himself the owner through the usual medium of the stockbook before a certain date.

"That was very honorable in you, William," said I. "But I wish you had given me a chance at the stock."

"The deal was proposed to me in confidence," he rejoined. "I could not disclose it to you. Besides," he added thoughtfully, "I wouldn't have had the face to ask you to meet his terms."

This was all that I could make him say about the price which Kelvin had paid.

"I knew what he wanted it for," said he, "but *it's* a wild financial nightmare. Kelvin will never get control of this road."

"He will come mighty close to it, William," said I.

Upon the same day at a later hour I received a call from Kelvin. He came to my office to see me, and the shock of that surprise was considerable to a man of my years.

Kelvin is capable of that engaging frankness of deportment which characterizes the man who does not see anything wrong in lying. He mentioned his investment in the branch stock as if it had been something that I should be glad to hear of. When he moved into a town, he said, it was always his way to get a property interest aside from a mere house in which to live. It made him feel free to go ahead and take a hand in the town's affairs. He had bought this branch stock because it was a good investment and because it would identify him with Tunbridge, which, because of its situation, depended so much upon the railroad for its prosperity.

When he had finished this address, I perceived that the real reason of his visit did not lie in that matter at all. This amiable mention of it had merely paved the way for something else. While he was preparing to introduce *this other subject*, the nature of which I could not guess, Donald strolled into the office, and, seeing Kelvin, he was about to back out again.

"Nothing private," said Kelvin. "Don't go on my account. I'd be glad to have you stay. This is a case where superhuman agencies will be welcome."

"A case in which they would be welcome to me, sir," said Donald, "would be a distinct novelty in my experience."

I recognized a flavor of little Rollo in this remark which let me know that Donald was disturbed in mind.

"As an old resident of Tunbridge," said Kelvin, turning to me, "you will remember Ezra Walmsley."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Strenuosity.

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Tourist—How's that, pray?

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New Yarns From Washington

[Special Correspondence.]

Washington, Dec 1.—With Congress in session Washington is herself again It is pleasant to see the solons, many of whose faces are familiar through long public service, here in their places and to meet them again in the corridors and cloakrooms and listen to their stories and experiences, though some of these we have heard over and over for the past decade. However, this is to be expected, but the congressional humorists and story tellers have enough new material on tap to relieve the stress and strain of legislative activity. The everyday experiences in the national capital when congress is in session furnish many pleasing incidents, which when recounted in the capitol cloakrooms and hotel corridors with proper embellishments give zest and piquancy to Washington life.

The other day the venerable and dignified senior senator from Massachusetts while showing some Bay State

HE WAS SHOWING VISITORS ABOUT TOWN.

visitors about town pointed out a magnificent old residence built years ago by a famous and rather shady lawyer of his time.

"Why," asked one of the party, "was he able to build a house like that by his practice?"

"Yes," gravely replied Senator Hoar, "by his practice and his practices."

How "Private" John Allen Escaped

"Private" John Allen, former representative from Mississippi and the recognized wit of several congresses, chanced to be in Washington while President Roosevelt was on his recent bear hunt in the canebrakes of the former's state. "Private" Allen, who acquired that honorable title by reason of his frequent declaration that he was proud to have been the only private in either army, was met by a friend on Pennsylvania avenue while here.

"Hello, Private," said the friend jocularly, "how does it happen that when President Roosevelt is shooting bears down in your state you are keeping so far away?"

"Sh-h-h!" said Allen mysteriously, and taking his interrogator by the lapel of the coat he led him into a doorway. "Keep it quiet," he whispered darkly, "but the reason is I'm a bear."

In view of the fact that the president bagged no big game on his late hunting expedition, it is inferred that most of the other Mississippi bears exercised the same sagacity as "Private" Allen and got out of the state.

A Wine, Woman, Song Report

Few government reports issued this fall have attracted so much attention as that given to the report and recommendations of the adjutant general of the army.

General Corbin discussed the canteen briefly, but pointedly, commented adversely upon the tendency of young officers to get married when their pay was scarcely sufficient for one, and recommended the instruction of soldiers in vocal music and the encouragement of regimental airs and ditties. Every one in Washington has been talking about that report.

"It isn't every day," said an officer in speaking of it, "that you can get a 'wine, women and song' report like that."

Among the recent interesting and interested visitors at the national capital were two small boys from East Orange, N. J. Their excursion was wholly without the knowledge of their fond parents, and consequently a couple of District policemen were waiting at the railroad station to greet them. As the detectives marched the boys off the platform and over to the station house one of them said wistfully:

They Saw Washington Anyway

"Have we got to go back to East Orange without seeing the capitol after all?"

This was too much for the sympathetic detectives, and when an irate father arrived on the next train the local Hawkshaws interceded for the young Jerseyites. Paternal wrath melted into paternal pride, and with the detectives as guides the enterprising youths spent a never to be forgotten day exploring the glories of the city.

When the runaways left Washington for their home, two more contented and self satisfied youngsters could not be found anywhere, and even the erstwhile angry father seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

What Will They Call Him?

There is already some speculation among representatives who will come back to the next congress as to the proper term by which to address Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaulauole, the delegate elect from the territory of Hawaii, who will be seated at the opening of the Fifty-seventh congress. Now, as everybody knows, he is a "prince of the blood." Hawaiian blood, but royal blood, just the same, such as it is, and is really the first scion of royalty to break into the American congress.

Very likely most of his colleagues will fall into the habit of calling him just as he is called at home, "Prince Cupid."

Those who want to avoid such familiarity may designate him as Prince Kuhio, which is correct, though as the title of the representative of free and independent people it sounds somewhat incongruous.

Some may insist on Mr. Kalaulauole, but the name is so long and so intricate in vowels that few who are not acquainted with the Kanaka language would care to try it.

The prince is a good fellow and has some idea about republican institutions, which cannot be said of all the prominent Hawaiians. He is handsome, but dark skinned, with very black hair and mustache.

Guided By Sun and Stars

Speaking of the president and his hunting experiences, here is a new story about his recent turkey hunt on the Bull Run battleground.

The president left the turkey blind and started through a great stretch of woodland. He was guided by one of the mighty hunters of the region and was accompanied by William Hayden, whose plantation adjoins that of Representative Rickey, on which the president had been hunting.

The party walked several miles when Mr. Hayden, looking quizzically at the guide, said, "Mr. ——, you are lost."

"Not a bit of it," replied the guide.

"What makes you think we are lost?" asked the president.

"Well," replied Mr. Hayden, "there is the sun to the south. We all know that the sun is in that part of the

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heavens. To reach our destination we should be going due west. We are going due east."

"That is enough for me," cried the president. "I always follow a man who steers in the woods by the sun or the stars."

Mr. Hayden took the president home in a bee line.

Among the wealth of incidents and anecdotes regarding Wu Ting Fang, the former Chinese minister, now recalled by reason of his recent departure from Washington, is one told of a visit made by him to a famous and exclusive girls' college, where the daughter of a well known Washington general was a student. Mr. Wu has always been interested in the scholastic attainments of his young friend. The president of the college, duly impressed with the importance of a visit by the Chinese minister, at once took the distinguished visitor in hand and proceeded to march him round the college grounds, telling him the history and purpose of each building and incidentally expanding on the glory of the institution. For an hour Mr. Wu listened. At last they reached the finest of the college buildings. Here the president paused and said impressively:

"This structure cost $1,000,000 and is the finest building of its kind in the world."

"Ah, really?" said Mr. Wu blandly. "And could you tell me how Miss —— (naming his young friend) does in her studies?"

The survey of the college came to an abrupt end, and with a sigh of relief Mr. Wu escaped to make his call.

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